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"KENNEDY DOESN'T INTEND TO FIRE ALLEN DULLES"

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PAUL NIVEN: "While the Camp David meeting was going on, news here in Washington were being let in on the official post mortem over this week's Cuban adventure that ended in such a great disaster. At yesterday's Presidential news conference, a reporter complained about what he called official blundering on the subject of Cuba. In reply, Mr. Kennedy said, I wouldn't be surprised if those of you who are members of the press will be receiving a lot of background briefings in the next day or two by interested people, or interested agencies. That process has begun, and here with a report is CBS White House news correspondent George Brown."

GEORGE BROWN: "In the wake of the Cuban disaster, President Kennedy has set himself three major tasks. First, to make sure his administration, and beyond that the United States speaks with a single, united voice. Second, to bring home the seriousness of the Cuban situation to other Latin American governments who have been letting it a figment of Washington's fevered imagination. And third, to prepare the United States for a massive effort to halt, or at least to minimize the many setbacks the President predicted three months ago we would suffer in this year of 1961. Work on the first point is most strongly begun. Stories of the disagreement inside the administration on the advisability of the Cuban adventure are being vigorously denied. Authoritative sources say it's not true that Secretary of State Dean Rusk ever argued against the invasion. It's learned that President Kennedy does not intend to fire Allen Dulles, as head of THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, nor to fire any of his chief aides."

"In short, the administration is following the old Navy tradition, that any error aboard a well-run ship is the responsibility of the Captain alone--the man in command taking all blame before the world."

"At the same time Mr. Kennedy has started a major campaign to bring the political opposition into line. He has held long and serious talks with major Republican leaders in Congress, potential candidates for the Presidency who might wish to make political capital out of Cuba. There is good reason to believe that he has been telling Republicans in some detail, how this Cuban venture was originally planned by the Eisenhower administration, and was originally scheduled to take place during that administration's time in office last Fall. Mr. Kennedy has now talked at length with former Vice President Nixon, with Senator Barry Goldwater, leader of the right wing Republican group, and he plans to meet early next week with New York's Governor Rockefeller. It seems clear he has been able to blend an appeal for bi-partisan unity with a broad hint that he could always publish the details of the plan endorsed by former President Eisenhower at the strong urging of Vice President Nixon. Mr. Kennedy is determined to have no sniping from the political bushes, as he tries to lead American determination for the hard struggle of the '60s. Now, here again is the given."